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FROM WELLS FOR DEPUTY ASST SEC'Y (IO)

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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

1. DURING CONSULTATIONS HERE ON POST-CIEC ASPECTS OF
RESUMED 31ST SESSION AND 32ND UNGA, FOLLOWING POINTS
WERE MADE BY GOI.

2. GOI DOES NOT EXPECT CONFRONTATIONAL ATTITUDE TO
DEVELOP AT RESUMED SESSION. GOI HOPES CONSTRUCTIVE
ATMOSPHERE WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO 32ND GA IN ORDER
TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSOLIDATION OF WORK DONE OVER
18 MONTHS BY CIEC. SPECIFICALLY, GOI WOULD LIKE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT RESUMED SESSION TO AGREE TO
PASS ON FULL CIEC REPORT FOR EXAMINATION TO
COMMITTEE II UNDER 32ND GA. COMMITTEE II WOULD THEN
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ASSIGN VARIOUS TOPICS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO
FORA WITHIN UN SYSTEM. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD INDICATE A "SHORT LIST"
OF TOPICS WHERE BRACKETED LANGUAGE STILL EXISTING
MIGHT BE MOST EASILY NEGOTIATED IN NEAR FUTURE. GOI
BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN APPROACH AT RESUMED SESSION
WOULD (A) STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF MODERATE G-77

COUNTRIES WISHING TO PROMOTE A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AND (B) FORESTALL ATTACKS BY NON-CIEC COUNTRIES ON THE RESULTS OF CIEC.

3. ON OTHER HAND, GOI MADE VERY CLEAR ITS INTENT TO SPEAK OUT FORCEFULLY AT RESUMED SESSION ON QUESTION OF MFA. WHILE MFA IS NOT A CIEC SUBJECT, IN MIND OF GOI RECENT QUOTAS IMPOSED BY EC ON INDIAN TEXTILES IS A CLEAR NEGATION OF CIEC AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO MARKETS. WHILE GOI SPECIFICALLY NOTED, AND WAS GRATEFUL FOR, MORE LIBERAL US POSITIONS ON INDIAN TEXTILES, WE WERE TOLD THAT "INDIA CANNOT BE MODERATE" ON THIS POINT. DANGER, OF COURSE, IS THAT SUCH A COMPLAINT FROM GOI AT RESUMED SESSION MIGHT SET OFF OTHER COMPLAINANTS WITH EXTRA-CIEC PROBLEMS AND JEOPARDIZE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE WE ARE HOPING FOR.

4. PAPER PREPARED BY G-27 IN GENEVA (AND FORWARDED TO YOU FROM THERE) IS APPARENTLY AN ACCURATE PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR RESUMED SESSION. ACCORDING TO GOI, WHILE PAPER IS NOT YET AN OFFICIAL G-77 POSITION, IT IS A VALID CONSENSUS PREPARED BY LEADERSHIP OF G-77.

5. AS TO OVERVIEW BODY FOR POST-CIEC WORK, GOI FAVORS COMMITTEE II. WHEN I QUESTIONED VIABILITY OF A 149-MEMBER BODY FOR SUCH A FUNCTION, RESPONSE
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WAS THAT IN PRACTICE COMMITTEE II NEVER OPERATED AT FULL MEMBERSHIP AND USUALLY DID ITS BUSINESS THROUGH SMALL, INFORMAL GROUPS, OPEN TO ALL, BUT IN FACT ATTENDED BY ONLY A FEW. GOI INDICATED IT WOULD NOT SUPPORT AN INSTITUTIONALIZED RESTRICTED FORUM (ALONG LINES OF PEREZAGUERRERO'S MODEL) AND DID NOT THINK OTHER G-77 WOULD EITHER.

6. OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE WERE MOST FRANK AND FRUITFUL. FULLER REPORT PER MEMCON.
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